GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3870
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2001
INVOLVEMENT OF TOUTS IN ARMY RECRUITMENT IN J & K
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that touts are wooing rural youths in Jammu and Kashmir offering them soldiers` jobs for a price ranging from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 40,000 which is taken in advance of the army recruitment rallies held in various parts of the State from time to time as reported in the Times of India January 13, 2001; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Government is aware of the report.

(b) Army has been educating the candidates, their parents and guardians not to fall prey to touts. Media is also approached, from time to time, to educate the youths on this issue.

Under a new recruitment procedure made applicable with effect from 1st April, 1998, all recruitment is carried out by open recruitment rallies. The local Branch Recruiting Office does not form part of the recruitment team, which conducts the recruitment rallies. Recruitment team is detailed from other Branch Recruiting Offices.Independent members are detailed to oversee each stage of the recruitment process. The system is fair, open and transparent.